

2 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
3 FIRST SESSION  
4 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 79

5 Introduced by Vrtiska, 1

6 WHEREAS, Colonel Barney Oldfield is to be remembered for  
7 his continued interest in humanity and his generosity to many  
8 philanthropic organizations; and

9 WHEREAS, Colonel Barney Oldfield was born December 18,  
10 1909, in Tecumseh, Nebraska. He attended the Long Branch Country  
11 School for grade school and attended Elk Creek High School, from  
12 which he graduated as one of the two students in his class; and

13 WHEREAS, Colonel Barney Oldfield attended the University  
14 of Nebraska and graduated with a degree in journalism and after  
15 graduation worked for the Lincoln Journal-Star newspaper as a  
16 writer, columnist, and reviewer; and

17 WHEREAS, colonel Barney Oldfield was the first  
18 newspaperman to become a paratrooper when the U.S. Army started  
19 this elite branch of military service. His career took him to over  
20 80 countries in every continent; and

21 WHEREAS, Colonel Barney Oldfield experienced a long and  
22 remarkable career in public relations which included working as a  
23 press secretary for General Dwight Eisenhower during World War II;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Colonel Barney Oldfield had wide-ranging  
26 careers, including Hollywood publicist, script and magazine writer,

1 and world-recognized expert in international relations, both in  
2 uniform and as a business man, specializing in East/West trade  
3 during the Cold War; and

4 WHEREAS, Colonel Barney Oldfield was the author of eight  
5 books; and

6 WHEREAS, Colonel Barney Oldfield was recognized in the  
7 "Who's Who in the World"; and

8 WHEREAS, among his philanthropic activities, Colonel  
9 Barney Oldfield was credited for initiating and contributing to the  
10 "Dollars for Scholars Program", a national network for  
11 community-based scholarship programs; and

12 WHEREAS, Colonel Barney Oldfield will be remembered for  
13 his interest and generous contributions to research on Alzheimer's  
14 Disease, from which his beloved wife, Vada, suffered for many years  
15 before her death; and

16 WHEREAS, Colonel Barney Oldfield will be remembered for  
17 his noteworthy accomplishments throughout his life and his generous  
18 spirit in sharing his good fortune with students to help them  
19 obtain a good education.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE  
21 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

22 1. That the Legislature honors the life of Colonel  
23 Barney Oldfield and his many accomplishments and philanthropic  
24 endeavors.

25 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family  
26 of Colonel Barney Oldfield.